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No Collection on City Observed Holidays

(curbside trash & recycling)

- Memorial Day May 30
- Independence Day July 4
- Labor Day September 5

COLLECTION DELAYED ONE DAY

Wastelines

Spring 2011 - City of Columbia

Recycle Bin Pilot Program

The City of Columbia's Recycle Bin Pilot Program recently ended. The program took place in 1,850 Columbia homes. The purpose of the program was to determine how the use of reusable bins would affect curbside recycling in Columbia.

The program provided north Columbia neighborhoods with two 18 gallon bins each - blue bin for beverage containers and green bin for paper product. The program started in February 2010 and ended February 2011. The bins were provided with funds from a grant from the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The project was approved by City Council in June 2009.

The program collected over 500,000 pounds of recycling for the north neighborhoods. This saved over 3,000 trees and valuable landfill space. This is almost a 50% increase from the year before.

Currently, the residents who participated in the program have received a survey to gather feedback. This information will be reported to City Council at a future date.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to those citizens for their participation in the pilot recycling program.

Great job--recycling does make a difference!!!

DECLUTTER YOUR HOME AND DONATE TO HELP OTHERS

So you've done your spring cleaning and decided what stays and what goes. Here are a few ideas where you can donate your unwanted items.

Clothing and Accessories

- Dress for Success helps disadvantaged women get back on their feet by providing professional attires, career development, and a network of support. Learn more at DressforSuccess.org.
- The Cinderella Project helps girls who can't afford a dress for prom have a magical night. There are chapters of this organization all over the country.
- Have old prescription glasses or regular sunglasses laying around? Drop them off at any vision store or visit GivetheGiftofSight.org for more information.

Appliances and Furniture

- Goodwill (www.goodwill.org) and the Salvation Army (www.salvationarmy.com) still offer to pick up from your home. If your willing to deliver the goods yourself, local



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Columbia's Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1313 Lakeview Avenue has changed the hours of operation to 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The facility is open every 1st and 3rd Saturday, April - November. Please visit our website for a list of items accepted.

www.gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/Solidwaste/householdhazardouswaste.php

Capen Park Compost Demonstration Site Outdoor Classroom

Compost classes are scheduled to start for the Spring 2011 season. The dates are as follows: Tuesday, April 19th at 6pm, Saturday, May 14th at 10am, and Saturday, June 25th at 10am.

The maintenance and upkeep of the outdoor classroom is currently provided by Job Point. Job Point is a community development corporation that provides work related skills training for citizens. Please visit jobpointmo.com for more information on services offered.



columbia earth day 2011

over 40 years of growing together

Learn about sustainable living, enjoy live music and food, and get all the volunteer information you can handle.

churches, synagogues, homeless shelters, schools, senior centers, and theater companies may want your old artwork, books, CD's, videos, computers, furniture, rugs, and kitchenware.

- The National Furniture Bank Association (www.thenfba.org) routes your donated furniture and sometimes kitchenware, to the Partnership for the Homeless and other non-profits that help people set up households.
- The Donation Center at GEAppliances.com lists charities willing to collect old appliances, free of charge, as long as they are in working order.

Computers and Books

- The World Computer Exchange, Computers 4 Kids, and Computers for Schools will take your old hardware, refurbish it, and distribute it to economically disadvantaged youths in the United States and around the world.
- The Global Literacy Project INC., and the International Book Project (www.intlbookproject.org) send books to libraries, schools, and hospitals to promote literacy.

Agencies and non-profit groups will have information about getting involved and making a difference in the community. The event takes place on April 17, 12 - 7 p.m., Peace Park and Elm between 6th and 9th Streets.

You may visit www.columbiaearthday.org for more information. If you have any questions, you may call 875-0539 or email mail@columbiaearthday.org. May 1 is the rain date if needed.

Earth Day 2011 will need many volunteers to help with a variety of projects on Sunday, April 17. Please contact pw-volunteer@gocolumbiamo.org if interested in volunteer opportunities.



BIKE, WALK, & WHEEL WEEK

In 2001, former Mayor Darwin Hindman first challenged Columbians to bike, walk or wheel their way to work, school or other destinations around town, and 750 people participated. In 2010, over 5,000 people took the challenge, and enjoyed biking or walking. This year the tradition continues. 'Get About Columbia' encourages all citizens to utilize active modes of transportation starting on May 14 - May 21. There are activities scheduled throughout the week to educate and assist with this effort. For a calendar of events visit:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/PublicWorks/GetAboutColumbia/>

CLEAN UP COLUMBIA

Cleanup Columbia is a city-wide trash pick up event where hundreds of local residents work together to make our city a more beautiful place. The city will provide volunteers with trash bags, gloves, safety vests. Volunteers pick up trash in the morning and are asked to start no later than 10 a.m. Columbia Public Works will pick up your filled bags. This is a wonderful event for individuals and groups of all sizes and people of all ages and abilities. For more information please visit

http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer/Opportunities/clean-up_columbia.php

Odds and Ends

- Try giving them away for free. Freecycle.org has over 4,000 local groups. Members post items they want to give away, and you can reply if you see something you want. Other organizations include FreeSharing.org, SharingIsGiving.org, and FreeUse.org.

Clutter to Cash

- Get the bidding going on eBay.com! You never know how much you might sell - and for how much.
- Garage sales. Get creative and have one anywhere anytime. Partner with your neighbors.
- Vintage is in so sell clothes to your local consignment shop. These stores are everywhere.
- If all else fails, try the classifieds or post for free on Craigslist.com

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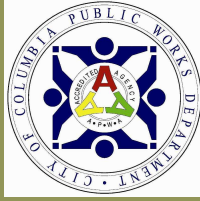
10th Annual HERO AWARDS

The HERO Awards recognize outstanding volunteers in Boone County. Please join local volunteer agencies on **Tuesday, April 12** as we present the 2011 Hero Awards in the following seven categories: Adults, Groups, Youth, Education, Healthcare, Community Protection, and Lifetime Achievement.

The reception begins at **4:00 p.m.** at the **Stoney Creek Inn** (2601 S. Providence Road). Guests will be treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres by The Upper Crust, and musical entertainment will be provided. All nominees will be recognized and a winner will be named in each category. Winners receive \$400 for their non-profit organization. The cost to attend is only \$10. For more information, please contact VAC at 874-2273 or visit <http://www.vacmo.org/index.php/page/hero-awards>



It's time for the University of Missouri annual rummage sale. Traditionally, college students discard many valuable items at the end of the school year simply because they are not able to transport them home. These items end up in our city landfill. "Tiger Treasures" offers these items a new life by making them available for purchase to you. Your donation will then be provided to a local United Way agency. These agencies also provide the volunteers that make this event possible. Please join us and help your environment as well as your community on **June 4th, 7am - 11am** at **Mizzou Football Stadium**.



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